NRI Investment

1764. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY·

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide any special concessions to the NRIs under NRI Scheme; and

(b) if so, what special benefits are being offered to them for such investments so as to attract more investment from them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K GADHVI): (a) and (b) The existing facilities offered to Non-Resident Indians/Persons of Indian Origin are under constant review and decisions taken from time to time with reference to the circumstances as then prevailing

Foreign contributions to private organisations

1765. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR·

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about Rs. 434 crores were received as foreign contribu ions in 1986 by private organisations and about Rs. 40 crores of them were received under categories which could not be fitted into any of Government's 27 listed categories; if so, what are the facts and figures thereof;

(b) what are Government's listed categories and names of organisations which received foreign money out of these categories alongwith the amount in each case; and

(c) whether there has been a demand that all foreign money should be routed through Government only and spent under its supervision; if so, what is Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) As on 18-8-87 various organisations had reported receipt of about Rs 434 crore, as foreign contribution during the year 1986 Government have identified 23 broad categories of purposes for which most of the foreign contributions are received by the various organisations A copy of list of categories is annexed. (*See* Statement below).

The amount of Rs. 40 crores (out of 253 crores received by various organisations during 1984, and not 1986), had been received by the organisations for purposes, which fell in the category of 'Any other purpose than above', i.e. the last category.

The names of the organisations which received foreign contribution for specified purposes, and the amounts thereof are so numerous that it will not be possible to lay it on the Table of the House.

(c) At present there is no proposal to route foreign money received by organisations covered under Foreign Contributions (Regulation) Act, 1976 through Government only and to spend under its supervision as it involves practical difficulties,

Statement

Certificate to be given by Chartered Accountant.

I/We have audited the accounts of———————(name of Association and its full address including State and Pincode, if registered society, its registration no. and State of registration) for the clander year ending 31-12-198– and examined all relevant books and vouchers and certify that according to the audited accounts :—

(i) the brought forward foreign contributi on at the beginning of the year 198—was Rs. ————————P—.

(ii) Foreign contributions of/worth Rs.———were received by the Association during the calender year 198 .

(iii) The balance of untilised foreign contribution with the association at the end of year 198 . was Rs.————.

(iv) Foreign contribution amounting to/worth Rs.———— have been utilised for the following purpose during the year .

S No	Purpose for which foreign contribution utilised	Total Previous Balance	Available Current Receipts	Utilised	Balance
1	2	3	4	5	6
(i)	Care of Orphans				
(ii)	Maintenance and Repair of : (a) Churches (b) Gurudwaras (c) Fire Temples (d) Mosques (e) Temples (f) Buddhist Monastries (g) Others (Tick the Appropriate Item)				
(iii)	Publication of Religious Books, Pamphlets and other Religious Literature				
(iv)	Publication of Books, Pamphlets and other Literature other than Religious				
(v)	Construction/Extension of : (a) Churches (b) Gurudwaras (c) Fire Temples (d) Mosques (e) Temples (f) Buddhist Monastries (g) Others. (Tick the Appropriate Item)				
(vi)	Help for the Poor, Aged and Destitutes				
(vii)	Seminars and Conferences				
(viii)	Religious Education of Preachers/Priests				
(ix)	Religious Functions				
(x)	Function other than Religious				
(xi)	Construction and maintenance of hostels				
(xii)	Construction and Maintenance of Schools/ Colleges				
(xiii)	Agricultural Activities				
(xiv)	Animal Husbandry				

1	2	3	4	5	6
(xv) Rural Development					
(xvi) Technical Education					
(xvii) Research					
(xviii) Stipends and Scholarships					
(xix) Vocational Training					
(xx) Health care and Family Planning					
(xxi) Relief for Natural Calamities					
(xxii) Relief for Riot Victims					
(xxiii) Any other purpose other than above with details					
21. Total :					

(2) Certified that the Association has maintained the accounts of foreign contributions and records relating thereto in the manner specified in section 13 of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 read with rule 8(1) of Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Rules, 1976.

(3) The information furnished above is correct as checked by me/us.

Signature of Chartered Accountant

Spying activities by Pakistan on Gujarat Border

1766. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item which appeared in the Hindustan Times of the 11th September, 1987 wherein it has been stated that Pak spying activities on Indo-Pak border in Gujarat have assumed alarming proportions if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) what steps have been taken by Government to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Government has seen the relevant news item Government is seized of the problem of espionage in the border States in general and in Kutch district of Gujarat in particular. Vigilance by the security agencies on the Indo-Pak border and other vulnerable points has been intensified and the concerned security agencies remain constantly alert to unearth, detect and neutralise any attempt at espionage by any individual or organisation.

Status of national language to Hindi

1767. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Constitution of India has given the status of Rajbhasha to Hindi, and

(b) if so, by when it will be really given the status of National language?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI